

Senate Resolution 1192

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Napoleon B. Cobb; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Napoleon B. Cobb earned a degree in physical education from
3 Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, during which time he met his late wife,
4 Pauline Cox Cobb, and their union produced four wonderful children; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Cobb began his coaching career as a track coach at DuSable High School
6 in Chicago, Illinois, where he coached for three years while earning his master's degree from
7 George Williams University; and

8 WHEREAS, he moved to Berkeley, California, and spent four years in California watching
9 and learning from the legendary "Speed City" program at San José State University; and

10 WHEREAS, eventually, he found his way back to his native Georgia, settling in DeKalb
11 County at Gordon High School, while he earned three State Track and Field Championships
12 in 1975, 1976, and 1978; and

13 WHEREAS, after a successful career at Gordon High School, he joined the collegiate ranks
14 of Morehouse College, and in his 11 years at Morehouse, he witnessed the comings and
15 goings of several All-American and world-class athletes; and

16 WHEREAS, he returned to DeKalb County to coach at Southwest DeKalb High School, and
17 there, he became the only coach to win four or more state championships in AAAA and the
18 first coach ever to have two of his high school students compete in the 2000 Olympics, both
19 becoming champions in hurdle events, with Angelo Taylor winning a Gold Medal and
20 Terrence Trammell winning a Silver; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2002, Coach Cobb became the only coach in NCAA history to have three
22 track athletes run together on a state championship team, and in his 20 year career at

1 Southwest DeKalb High School, he sent more young men and women to colleges and
2 universities than any other high school in this state; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2002, he was voted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame, and he has
4 amassed one national championship; 13 county championships; ten state championships;
5 numerous invitational and relay victories, both nationally and state-wide; 24 high school
6 All-Americans; 22 college All-Americans; and three Olympic medal winners; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
8 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary individual.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 join together in recognizing Coach Napoleon B. Cobb and commend him on his outstanding
11 career as a coach and for the positive influence he has had on countless individuals.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Napoleon B. Cobb.